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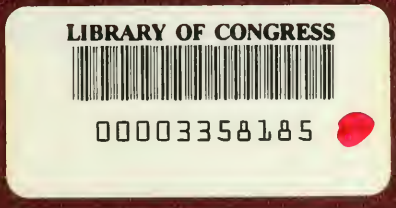

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The Address of the Pennsylvania Society of the Cincinnati—and the Members from the other Societies present in Philadelphia

To George Washington, President of the United States

Upon this auspicious day—and in contemplation of an approaching public event, the most affecting, which can occur to us, either as men, as Citizens, or as your former fellow soldiers, we desire to congratulate, and address you.

As men we offer to you homage of a pure and heartfelt affection — As Citizens we express to you the gratitude, which results from a just sense of the highest obligation — and as fellow-soldiers we declare the respectful and inviolable attachment, which we feel to a beloved and venerated Chief.

This moment, in which America is to lose the services of her illustrious Citizen, would indeed be inconsolable, did not the review of his wise, firm, and virtuous administration, as Chief Magistrate, present a series of conduct, which it will be the pride and happiness of his successor to emulate and attain.

With this consolatory reflection, we naturally associate the proud

sentiments that, in the instance of your dignified retirement from office, our chief will exhibit to the world the rare and dignified spectacle that official station and authority are not required to obtain and to continue the utmost distinction among mankind, or to command the highest degree of their admiration and applause.

To that gracious Providence, whose goodness has heretofore preserved you a prime agent of human happiness, we prefer our fervent supplications for your present and future felicity.

Signed on behalf of the Society

Tho. Mifflin.

Febr. 22d., 1797.

To the Members of the Pensnylvania State Society of the Cincinnati; and the other State Societies of the Cincinnati at present at Philad'a.

Your congratulations, and the expression of your attachment and approbation of my public services, are received with gratitude and reciprocated with sincerity. Endeared to me by every consideration of public and private worth, I shall carry into that retirement which you are pleased to mention in terms so flattering, an invariable affection and esteem towards the faithful comrades of my military career; and my best prayers will be offered for their present and future happiness.

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Go. Washington.

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